The National Survey of Children's Health

Overweight and Physical Activity Among Children: A Portrait of States and the Nation 2005



Massachusetts

All statistics are based on parental reports.

	National %	State %
Percent of children who are overweight	14.8	13.6
Age 10-11	21.9	20.1
Age 12-14	14.4	12.2
Age 15-17	10.7	10.7
0-99% Federal poverty level	22.4	29.9
100-199% Federal poverty level	19.0	23.9
200-399% Federal poverty level	13.7	11.7
400% Federal poverty level or more	9.1	8.5
Male	18.1	17.5
Female	11.5	9.4
Percent of children who exercised or participated in physical activity		
for at least 20 minutes on 3 or more days during the past week	71.3	67.6
Age 10-11	78.2	69.9
Age 12-14	74.2	75.3
Age 15-17	63.3	58.0
Male	76.8	73.0
Female	65.6	61.6
Percent of children who were on a sports team		
or took sports lessons during the past 12 months	58.6	69.8
Age 10-11	61.5	80.1
Age 12-14	61.6	70.1
Age 15-17	53.4	62.4
Male	62.1	73.8
Female	55.0	65.4
Percent of children with at least one parent who exercises regularly	72.9	75.8
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